Standard of treatment in ESI hospitals

231. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any reports about problem being faced in E.S.I. Hospital about standard of medical facilities and treatment in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for improving the medical treatment facilities to its beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Several steps have been taken by the ESI Corporation for re-organizing and upgrading the facilities in hospitals/dispensaries as per norms of ESI Corporation. (i) The State Governments have been asked to re-organize the dispensaries/hospitals in the States to ensure optimum utilization of the facilities and re-deploy the staff as per requirement and work load in hospitals and dispensaries. (ii) Action plans have been drawn up from time to time to augment the availability of equipment and for upgrading and modernizing the diagnostic and clinical facilities. (iii) To provide comprehensive Medical services to Insured Persons and their families, tie-up arrangements with specialized hospitals have been made by various State Governments. (iv) One hospital per State has been/is being taken over, with the consent of State Government concerned by ESI Corporation to be run directly as Model Hospital. These hospitals are better equipped and their scope of services is being widened to provide comprehensive secondary care medical services. (v) The ceiling for reimbursement of expenditure on provisions of medical care by State Governments has been enhanced from Rs. 750/- to Rs. 900/- per Insured Person family unit *w.e.f.* 1.4.2005. (vi) To expedite the process of sanction of equipment powers have been delegated to Senior State Medical Commissioners/State Medical Commissioners of the States to sanction equipment upto Rs. 15.00 lacs per unit cost at State level itself. (vii) The ESI Corporation has decided to set up four super specially hospitals at

Hyderabad, Mumbai, Kolkata and Delhi to provide quality medical car to the Insured persons at State level itself.

EPFO offices

†232. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) offices in the country;

(b) whether EPFOs offices have been given the status of industry; and

(c) the status of demand for a sub-regional office of this organisation in Keonjhar in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) The details of offices of Employees Provident Fund Organisation are given below:

Regional Offices	:	32
Sub-Regional Offices	:	79
Service Centres	:	18
Inspectorate Offices	:	139

(b) Even though the Industrial Disputes Act is applicable to the Employees Provident Fund Organisation but as per Section 5D (7) of the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1952 method of recruitment, salary and allowances, discipline and other conditions of service of the officers and employees of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation are in accordance with the rules and orders applicable to the officers and employees of the Central Government drawing corresponding scales of pay. Since the service conditions of the employees of the Central Board of Trustees (EPF) are the same as the service conditions applicable to the officers/employees of the Central Government the provisions of Central Civil Services (Recognitions of Service Association) Rules have

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